

Message

Deliberative Process / Ex. 5

Sent: Friday, August 19, 2016 2:20 PM

To: Hyde, Tinka <hyde.tinka@epa.gov>; Swenson, Peter <swenson.peter@epa.gov>; Pierard, Kevin <pierard.kevin@epa.gov>; Korleski, Christopher <korleski.christopher@epa.gov>; Nam, Ed <nam.ed@epa.gov>; Mooney, John <Mooney.John@epa.gov>; Walts, Alan <walts.alan@epa.gov>; Wester, Barbara <wester.barbara@epa.gov>

Cc: Ireland, Scott <ireland.scott@epa.gov>; Sedlacek, Michael <Sedlacek.Michael@epa.gov>; Damico, Genevieve <damico.genevieve@epa.gov>; McKim, Krista <mckim.krista@epa.gov>; Melgin, Wendy <melgin.wendy@epa.gov>; Burdick, Melanie <Burdick.Melanie@epa.gov>; Darrow, Jennifer <darrow.jennifer@epa.gov>; Kenney, Thomas <kenney.thomas@epa.gov>

Subject: PolyMet request for meeting to discuss permitting

Importance: High

Mary Gade, consultant to PolyMet Company, called me today to request a meeting with EPA management (not at the RA level) to discuss federal permitting for the NorthMet Mine project (CWA 402, CWA 404, and CAA). She and Brad Moore would be the only company attendees. They are also interested in understanding the process and status of EPA's response to the petition to withdraw the Minnesota PCA's water permitting program, and how that process might affect the NorthMet permitting. This meeting would likely take about 2 hours.

They are requesting this meeting for next week if possible, and are open to the time and date. She is aware of the imminent transition between Tinka and Chris as Water Director and would prefer both be present at this meeting if possible. EPA had declined a similar request this spring in part because the permitting process had not yet begun. Now that the permitting process is under way, they have renewed that request.

Please let me know by Monday, 8/22 at noon what your interest and availability (dates and times) are for a 2-hour meeting. I made no commitments other than to make this request known to the relevant managers and to let her know what our response is.

Ken